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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268–0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

MOTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORIES OF MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

(MPA/USPS-21, 36(c) and 37(c))

(April 5, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of Objection of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of Magazine Publishers of America, Inc. (MPA/USPS-21, 36(c) and 37(c)).

The objection should have been filed on March 31, 2000.¹ The objection is thus three business days late. The interrogatories objected to are part of a large set, requesting information on details of both purchased highway and rail transportation. In fact, responses to the interrogatories also will be filed late. Numerous persons in logistics and purchasing have had to be consulted in order to gather the information requested. Thus, it was not until yesterday that the need for the above objections became apparent.

¹ Objections to other interrogatories in that same set from MPA were timely filed on March 31, 2000. See Objection of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of Magazine Publishers of America, Inc. (MPA/USPS-17(d) (In Part), 19 (In Part), and 40(c), March 31, 2000.

The Postal Service regrets any inconvenience, but does not believe that the lateness of the objection is prejudicial.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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